Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of representations received and submitted to the Independent Examiner

Northumberland County Council is required, under Regulation 4(3)(b) of The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012, to provide a summary of any representations submitted to the independent examiner pursuant to paragraph 9 of Schedule 4B to the 1990 Act.

This document provides a summary of those representations which were made in relation to the Submission Draft Cresswell Neighbourhood Plan.

Electronic copies of the representations made on the Plan, and which were submitted to the independent examiner, are available on the County Council's Neighbourhood Planning webpage:

https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning/Planning-policy/Neighbourhood.aspx

Name	Organisation (if applicable)	Summary of representation
Cllr Nick Morphett	Northumberland County Council	Questioned whether Policy 2 added anything to existing policy.
		Welcomed commitment to use the County Council's Town and Parish Council Climate Toolkit to take action on climate change set out in Community Action 5.
Jules Brown, Historic Places Adviser	Historic England	Historic England commented on the pre-submission draft plan and suggested considering whether a policy needs to be added on non-designated heritage assets. The Consultation Statement considers that this is covered in para 2.7 of the publication draft, however this is not the case. The plan conflates sites identified in the Historic Environment Record (HER; a source of information on all heritage assets) with non-designated heritage assets. Inclusion of a site in an HER does not itself identify it as a non-designated heritage asset. Instead, preparing a neighbourhood plan is an ideal opportunity to clearly identify a set of non-designated heritage assets, and our advice note sets out the process to do so. Without this, the plan offers no additional protection to individual non-designated assets of local value. Historic England made no further comments.
Sunny Ali, Regional Spatial Planning Manager	National Highways	Identified no negative consequence on the Strategic Road Network.
Sarah Brannigan, Planning Manager (Neighbourhood Planning	Northumberland County Council (as Local Planning Authority)	The County Council, as Local Planning Authority, made the following comments.
		Minor recommended amendments to the plan to correct typographical and formatting errors, as well as improving clarity of the document overall.
		Considered unclear how the Plan's policies delivered Objectives 2 and 3.

		Minor recommended revision to Policy 1 on Local Green Space, but expressed support for the areas designated. Concern that Policy 2 on Tourism did not add anything meaningful to existing tourism policy in the Local Plan.
Melanie Lindsley,Principal Planning & Development Manager	Coal Authority	Identified that recorded coal mining features are present at surface and shallow depth, including mine entries, coal workings and reported surface hazards, which may pose a potential risk to surface stability and public safety. Noted that the Plan does not propose to allocate any new sites for future development; on this basis, the Coal Authority had no objections or specific comments to make.